

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:
  - a main unit having an image forming section configured to form an image on a paper sheet;
  - 5 an image reading section located just above the main unit, and configured to read a document image;
  - an ejection space defined between a bottom of the image reading section and the image forming section, the ejection space having an opening at a front of the main unit;
  - 10 an ejection tray cover defining a bottom of the ejection space and configured to receive a paper sheet ejected from the image forming section, the ejection tray cover covering the image forming section;
  - 15 a recess formed in a front portion of the ejection tray cover; and
  - 20 a front cover configured to open and close a front of the main unit, the front cover having an upper edge, the upper edge and the recess cooperating with each other to provide a handle section when the upper edge and the recess oppose each other.
2. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the recess opposes a substantially middle portion of the front cover in a width direction thereof.
- 25 3. The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein;

claim 1, wherein;

the front cover has a first holder at an end portion and a second holder at another end portion,  
the first and second holders forming holding means  
5 for holding the front cover on the main unit; and

the recess is located between the first and second  
holders of the front cover.

4. The image forming apparatus according to any  
one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a vertical distance  
10 between an upper edge of the front cover and a bottom  
of the recess is not less than 0.3 mm.